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SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN EMERGENCY SECURITY MEASURES

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL REGARD-
ING SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY GOU:

2. (A) AND (B) MEASURES IN EFFECT BETWEEN JULY 1968 AND JULY
31, 1970 - DURING THIS PERIOD, THE ONLY SPECIAL MEASURES IN
EFFECT WERE " MEDIDAS PRONTAS DE SEGURIDAD" (" EMERGENCY SECURITY
MEASURES") DECREED BY THEN- PRESIDENT PACHECO PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE 168, PARA 17, OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE FIRST " MEDIDAS"
WERE DECREED ON JUNE 13, 1968, FOLLOWING A YEAR OF SERIOUS
STREET DISORDERS AND VIOLENT STRIKES. THIS INITIAL DECREE
PROHIBITED PROPAGANDA REGARDING STRIKES AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS
WHICH COULD CAUSE PUBLIC DISORDERS. IT ALSO LIMITED THE
RIGHT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY TO THOSE MEETINGS WHICH HAD RECEIVED
PRIOR APPROVAL BY POLICE. THEREAFTER, NUMEROUS DECREES WERE
ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER ARTICLE 168, MANY OF WHICH
DEALT WITH AREAS OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC ORDER FIELD. THESE INCLUDED
THE INTERVENTION OF THE BOARDS OF AUTONOMOUS STATE

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ENTERPRISES, MOBILIZATION OF STRIKING BANK WORKERS, A WAGE-
PRICE FREEZE, AND THE LIKE. IN THE FALL OF 1968, THE PRESIDENT
USED THIS POWER TO CLOSE THE UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS THIS
COMING MONDAY, 7 TH MAY, 1973.
UNQUOTE

4. COMMENT: OPEC OFFICIALS ARE MAINTAINING SECRECY ON NEW OIL
COMPANY OFFER BUT ADMIT IT IS IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS.
THERE IS STILL A GAP BETWEEN OFFER AND OPEC DEMAND. HOWEVER,
OPEC FEELS THAT DIFFERENCE CAN BE RESOLVED IN TRIPOLI. HUMES

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